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RWP/RMM RSAC Working Group Updates

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67th meeting of the Railroad Safety Advisory Committee (RSAC)

National Housing Center, National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), 1201 15th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005

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RWP/RMM RSAC Working Group History

Working Group History

- RSAC Roadway Worker Protection Working Group (RWP WG) created and RWP RSAC Task No. 2022-01 approved by the full RSAC Committee in 2022
- The RWP WG Kick-off meeting held on January 26, 2023
 - 17 Items were identified to the Work Group
 - Consensus Achieved
 - 3 items
 - Consensus not Achieved (No consensus will be achieved)
 - 12 items
 - Actions On-going
 - 2 items
- The 2nd RWP WG held on May 11, 2023, via MS TEAMS
- The 3rd RWP WG meeting held in person in Washington D.C. on September 7, 2023

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- The 4th RWP WG meeting was held on November 16, 2023, via MS TEAMS
- The 5th RWP WG meeting was held on March 28, 2024, via MS TEAMS
- RWP WG requested and was granted an extension to continue the group through the end of 2024
- The 6th RWP WG meeting was held on June 18, 2024, via MS TEAMS
- Multiple small group meetings working on simplification of the *Adjacent Controlled Track Rule*

Summary of the 5th and 6th RWPWG On-Going Meeting Actions

Items that the group voted on and have reached no consensus:

1. Revise the definition of *Watchman/lookout* to make it consistent with the regulatory requirement (Subpart A)
 - No consensus could be agreed upon and the group voted to discontinue talks
2. Evaluate safety features for *On-Track Roadway Maintenance Machines (RMM)* under 214 Subpart D (installation of operator presence controls, collision avoidance technology, hi-rail limit control systems and/or back up cameras on newly built on-track roadway maintenance machines).
 - The group discussed what the industry has started using
 - Most new RMMs are equipped with back-up cameras
 - No consensus could be agreed upon and the group voted to discontinue talks

Summary of the 5th and 6th RWPWG On-Going Meeting Actions Continued

Two Items with actions on-going

1. Discuss ways to allow routine *hi-rail inspections on non-controlled track under § 214.317 in conjunction with 301(c)*. While 301(c) was originally intended for movements only (tramming), track inspection from inside the confines of equipment can be safely accomplished under this same provision.
 - FRA submitted language on the MS TEAMS RWPWG site awaiting comments
2. Simplify adjacent track protection so all roadway workers can better understand the requirements.
 - Small Task Group Action Item:
 - Small working group presented their work on simplifying the *Adjacent Controlled Track rule*. The group will continue to meet and refine the language and incorporate and take into consideration comments that will be supplied on the Teams site.
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Next RWP/RMM RSAC Working Group Meeting

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- Will be conducted via MS Teams on October 29, 2024
- Updates of the 2 action items
- Future actions of the Working Group

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QUESTIONS?



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